

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/051,459 Confirmation No. : 6980  
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Examiner : Lyle Alexander  
  
Docket No. : 010743.50685US  
Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Surface-Enhanced Membrane and Process and  
Apparatus for Producing Same

**RESPONSE**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office  
Action mailed January 3, 2008. The three-month response due date is April 3,  
2008.

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**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.